

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBX-TV (January-March 2012)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Tavis Smiley Reports, N 01/09/12, 2am, 60 min.

Dudamel: Conducting a Life - Tavis Smiley gives viewers an extraordinary look into the life and artistry of the L.A. Philharmonic's charismatic conductor. Dudamel is instrumental in inspiring the launch of the L.A. Philharmonic's Youth Orchestra Los Angeles initiative, which provides Los Angeles school children with music education. A student of an internationally acclaimed music program in his native Venezuela, Dudamel is committed to expanding music education in America. Tavis profiles some of the remarkable kids whose lives are being transformed by Dudamel's commitment to free music education for all.

Freedom Riders, N 02/11/12, 1:30pm, 120 min.

In 1961, segregation seemed to have an overwhelming grip on American society. Many states violently enforced the policy, while the federal government, under the Kennedy administration, remained indifferent, preoccupied with matters abroad. That is, until an integrated band of college students - many of whom were the first in their families to attend a university - decided, en masse, to risk everything and buy a ticket on a Greyhound bus bound for the Deep South. They called themselves the Freedom Riders, and they managed to bring the president and the entire American public face to face with the challenge of correcting civil-rights inequities that plagued the nation. An astonishing testament to the accomplishment of youth and what can result from the incredible combination of personal conviction and the courage to organize against all odds.

Not In Our Town, N 02/16/12, 5:30am, 30 min.

This program tells the stories of a suburban California school district, a mid-western college town and a college campus in the heart of the South where people are working together to stop hate and intolerance, and activating their communities to create safer, more accepting environments for everyone. "Not In Our Town: Class Actions" profiles local innovators -- a teacher who starts an anti-bullying program at her school, then spreads it to five districts; diverse leaders in a college town who bring students, local officials and community members together after a wave of bias attacks; and a coalition of students who take positive action when their core values are threatened.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Nightly Business Reports, N 02/01/12, 7pm, 30 min

.President Obama is pushing for new help for homeowners looking to refinance their mortgages. Housing and Urban Development Chief Shaun Donovan talks to NBR Co-Anchor Tom Hudson.

This Old House Hour, N 02/13/12, 5am, 60 min.

Host Kevin O'Connor arrives to find builder Andy Tiplady with the house wide open, his foundation in place and framing underway. The new open floor plan requires structural steel

that gets bolted and then welded in place. With the steel installed and high winds already kicking up, Andy and his crew button up the house for the impending bad weather, which turns out to be Hurricane Irene. At 82 mph, Barrington clocks the highest winds in New England, and Kevin returns to find roads closed, power lines down and trees crushing houses in the neighborhood. After some clean up, the crew gets back to work framing the second floor using the proper structural hardware like hold downs and hurricane clips. To learn more about the challenges of living on the coast, Kevin meets the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, Grover Fugate, to see the long term prognosis for our house, and also the lengths to which people will go to live by the water in Rhode Island.

Moneytrack, N 01/08/12, 8am, 30 min.

The housing bubble may have burst, but creative thinkers are finding ways to make the most out of a bad situation. Jack Gallagher explains how real estate can still be part of a safe, long-term investment strategy.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Nazi Hunt: Elusive Justice, N 02/10/12, 9zpm, 120 min.

This film explores the 65-year effort to identify, prosecute and punish the 20th century's most notorious murderers. In the face of apathy, obstruction and violence, the men and women who pursued Nazi fugitives brought a measure of dignity to the victims of the Holocaust while reminding the international community that enemies of humanity must be prosecuted and punished -- if humanity is to survive.

Frontline, N 01/26/12, 9pm, 60 min.

What started as a fad among West Coast motorcycle gangs in the 1970s - methamphetamine - quickly spread across the United States over the last decade. These days, meth remains as potent and widespread as ever. Despite calls to regulate its key ingredient, pseudoephedrine, which is found in over-the-counter cold remedies, "super smurfs" still manage to stockpile enough of the drug to fuel thousands of small meth labs nationwide. FRONTLINE, in association with The Oregonian, investigates the ongoing meth problem in America: the devastating impact on individuals, families and communities and the state-by-state battles to make pseudoephedrine a prescription drug, a strategy that's led to significant improvement in Oregon.

Frontline, N 02/09/12, 9pm, 60 min.

FRONTLINE cuts through the fog of war to reveal the untold story of what happened in Haditha, Iraq, where 24 of the town's residents were killed by U.S. forces in what many in the media branded "Iraq's My Lai." With accusations swirling that the Marines massacred Iraqi civilians "in cold blood," the Haditha incident has led to one of the largest criminal cases against U.S. troops in the Iraq war. But real questions have emerged about what really happened that day, and who is responsible. Through interviews with Iraqi survivors and Marines accused of war crimes, FRONTLINE investigates this incident and what it can tell us about the harrowing moral and legal landscape the U.S. military faces in Iraq.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Need to Know, N 01/15/12, 11am, 30 min.

A report from Minneapolis about a model program designed to rescue gay teens who have been rejected by their families and become homeless.

Need to Know, N 01/22/12, 11am, 30 min.

Nearly half a century after the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act, African-Americans throughout the deep south still find themselves with little real power. In a report from South Carolina on the eve of the GOP primary there, anchor Jeff Greenfield describes how the sharp rise in the number of black state lawmakers creates the misimpression of greater black power.

To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, N 3/04/12, 7:30am, 30 min.

Women's History Month Special: In honor of Women's History Month, watch our specials from the past including interviews with Academy Award winning actress Meryl Streep as she lobbies for the National Women's History Museum and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speaks about her historic appointment to the Supreme Court. Also featuring interviews with the first women Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, the most honored African-American women in the civil rights movement Dr. Dorothy Height and the story of a female Pharaoh.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Frontline, N 01/05/12, 9pm, 60 min

Opium Brides - Unexpected victims have been caught in the crossfire of attempts to eradicate Afghanistan's flourishing drug trade: young farm girls. Afghanistan produces more than 90 percent of the world's illicit opium. Opium farmers have long borrowed money from drug gangs, some with links to the Taliban, to subsidize their crops. Now, as the Afghan government destroys their livelihood in an eradication program, the farmers find themselves in a horrifying situation: repay their debts or give their daughters to drug-traffickers, often to be used for sex.

Nightly Business Reports, N 02/01/12, 7pm, 30 min

American Airlines (AMR Corp.) says it's cutting about 13,000 jobs and terminating its pensions. NBR Co-Anchor Susie Gharib talks to the government agency in charge of protecting worker retirement plans, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Frontline, N 02/19/12, 9pm, 120 min.

"The Interrupters" presents profiles in courage, as three former street criminals in Chicago place themselves in the line of fire to protect their communities where unemployment is high and violence is epidemic. The film follows the lives of these "Violence Interrupters," who include the charismatic daughter of one of the city's most notorious former gang leaders, the son of a murdered father, and a man haunted by a killing he committed as a teenager. As they intervene in disputes to prevent violence, they reveal their own inspired journeys of struggle and redemption.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Nature, N 02/10/12, 10pm, 60 min.

Are we, in an effort to outwit raccoons, actually making them smarter and unwittingly contributing to their evolutionary success? Are the ever more complex obstacles that our fast-paced urban world throws at them actually pushing the development of raccoon brains? In this film, scientists from around the world share their thoughts and work to help explore this scientific theory. Attempting to do something that has never been done before, they closely follow a family of urban raccoons as they navigate the complex world of a big city.

Nova, N 03/22/12, 8pm, 60 min

NOVA follows the exploits of acclaimed photojournalist James Balog and a scientific team as they deploy time-lapse cameras in risky, remote locations in the Arctic, Alaska, and the Alps. The goal of Balog's team's perilous expedition: to create a unique photo archive of melting glaciers that could provide a key to understanding their runaway behavior and their potential to drive rising sea levels.

Adirondacks, N 03/18/12, 4am, 120 min.

The Adirondack Park sprawls across six million acres in Upstate New York. Bigger than Yellowstone, Yosemite, Glacier and Grand Canyon National Park combined, it is by far the largest park in the lower 48 states. Yet it is the only one on the continent in which large human populations live and whose land is divided almost evenly between protected wilderness and privately owned tracts. This patchwork pattern of land ownership has created an utterly unique place. The story of the Adirondacks is told through a series of passionate characters, each with a distinct perspective. Through their stories "The Adirondacks" explores this remarkable region and reveals a delicate and dynamic relationship between progress and preservation.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Frontline: Sick Around America, N 02/17/12, 1:30pm, 60 min.

As the worsening economy leads to massive job losses - potentially increasing the ranks of the tens of millions of Americans without health insurance - FRONTLINE travels the country examining the nation's broken healthcare system and exploring the need for a fundamental overhaul. The scale of the problem now facing the Obama administration, FRONTLINE finds, is staggering, as lay-offs, major illness and other unexpected life changes leave more and more Americans uninsured, underinsured or uninsurable. FRONTLINE also goes inside insurance companies to question executives on their policies, programs and priorities and examines the problems in one state's attempts at healthcare reform.

Frontline: The Vaccine War, N 03/22/12, 9pm, 60 min.

Public health scientists and clinicians tout vaccines as one of the greatest achievements of modern medicine. But for many ordinary Americans vaccines have become controversial. Young parents are concerned at the sheer number of shots -- some 26 inoculations for 14 different diseases by age six -- and follow alternative vaccination schedules advocated by gurus

like Dr. Robert Sears. Other parents go further. In communities like Ashland, Oregon, up to one-third of parents are choosing not to vaccinate their kids at all. And some advocacy groups, like Generation Rescue, argue that vaccines are no longer a public health miracle but a scourge; they view vaccines as responsible for alarming rises in certain disorders, including ADHD and autism. This is the vaccine war: On one side sits scientific medicine and the public health establishment; on the other a populist coalition of parents, celebrities (like Jenny McCarthy), politicians and activists. It's a war that increasingly takes place on the Internet with both sides using the latest social media tools, including Facebook and Twitter, to win the hearts and minds of the public.

Blood Sugar Solution With Dr. Mark Hyman, N 03/17/12, 2pm, 90 min.

In this 90-minute public television special, Dr. Mark Hyman explains what "diabesity" is, outlines the underlying causes that drive the problem, and provides a personalized, 4-step plan to help overcome diabesity

VIII. Economy/Business

Frontline, N 03/29/12, 9pm, 60 min.

The program cracks open the insular world of the Murdoch family, its news executives, and the political elite who court their favor. Today, the 80-year-old owner of the Wall Street Journal and FOX News Channel is in the fight of his life. In a joint production with the CBC, FRONTLINE correspondent Lowell Bergman tells the story of the battle over the future of News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch's reputation and his family's fortunes.

Afropop: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange, N 01/12/12, 8:30pm, 60 min.

Burning in the Sun follows the journey of a young social entrepreneur on a quest to electrify the rural households in his native country of Mali. Looking to make his mark on the world, 26-year-old Daniel Dembele decides to return to his homeland in Mali and start a local business building solar panels, the first of its kind in the sun-drenched nation. The film traces Dembele's journey from growing the budding idea into a viable company to servicing his first customers in the tiny village of Banko.

Independent Lens: Have You Heard From Johannesburg? The Bottom Line,

N 01/19/12, 11pm, 60 min.

This is the story of the first-ever international grassroots campaign to successfully use economic pressure to help bring down a government. Recognizing the apartheid regime's dependence on its financial connections to the West, citizens all over the world, from employees of Polaroid to a General Motors director, from student account-holders in Barclay's Bank to consumers who boycott Shell gas, all refuse to let business with South Africa go on as usual. Boycotts and divestment campaigns bring the anti-apartheid movement into the lives and communities of people around the world, helping everyday people understand and challenge Western economic support for apartheid. Faced with attacks at home and growing chaos in South Africa, international companies pull out in a mass exodus, causing a financial crisis in the now-isolated South Africa and making it clear that the days of the apartheid regime are numbered.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Tavis Smiley Reports, N 01/09/12, 5am, 60 min

Visiting Riverside Church & the National Cathedral and drawing on the expertise of leading academics, historians, and high profile personalities, Tavis conducts a 360 - examining not only the meaning of Dr. King's words, but their legacy as well.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, N Series airs every Sunday, 7am, 30 min.

This series provides in-depth coverage of the top religion and ethics stories of the week as well as religious and ethical perspectives on domestic and foreign events and the arts. Hosted by veteran journalist Bob Abernethy, the series brings viewers breaking news through live and taped reports filed by a team of correspondents in the field and interviews with prominent newsmakers.

Place of Our Own, N Series airs Monday-Friday, 1pm, 30 min.

A series are designed for parents and anyone else who takes care of young children: grandparents, nannies, babysitters and home daycare providers. The series covers subjects such as tantrums, literacy, preventing obesity, and speech and language delays. These Peabody Award-winning series combine an entertainment format -- the daytime talk/demonstration show -- with solid educational information on how young children learn, and what adults need to know to help them be prepared for kindergarten and beyond.